Gramset Scheme in Madhya Pradesh

185. SHRI DILEEP SINGH BHURIA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) the amount spent on Gramset Scheme in each district of Madhya Pradesh and particularly in Jhabua district during the last three years;

(b) the details of the programmes telecast under this scheme; and

(c) whether the Government propose to include tribals to participate in these programmes for promoting tribal culture?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Railway Industry in Kerala

186. SHRI T. GOVINDAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up railway related industry in industrially backward districts of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details and location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[Translation]

Increase of Unreserved Coaches in Trains

187. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of trains which the number of unreserved coaches have been increased as on October, 1996; and

(b) the details of trains in which the above coaches are proposed to be increased during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(b) Provision of additional coaches including unreserved coaches on trains is a continuous process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification and availability of coaches.

[English]

Maxi-Dahod Railway Line

188. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress of Maxi-Dahod (via Indore) railway line scheme;

(b) whether the work on the above line has been abandoned;

(c) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(d) if not, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : Work of the 1st phase i.e. Dewas-Maxi section has recently been defrozen to start the work.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In the coming years as per availability of resources.

Acceptance of Piecemeal Indent

189. SHRI SOMJIBHAI DAMOR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the North-East Frontier Railway authorities at Dimapur Railway Station refuse to accept piecemeal indents for timber movement;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to accept the indents and provide wagons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Introduction of Express Train between Western Vidarbha Region and Delhi

190. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to start a new express train from Western Vidarbha region to Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the projects announced and approved for Vidarbha region alongwith the funds released so far;